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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Luc CHANTELOUP et al.)
Serial No.: To Be Assigned) Group Art Unit: To Be Assigned
Filed: Herewith) Examiner: To Be Assigned
For: INTERMEDIARY COMPOUNDS)
FOR THE HEMISYNTHESIS OF)
TAXANES AND PREPARATION)
PROCESSES THEREFOR)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination on the merits, Applicants hereby request that Examiner enter the following amendments.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-11, 15, 16, and 25 without prejudice or disclaimer thereof, and please amend claims 12-14, 17-24, and 26 as follows:

12. (Once Amended) A precursor compound of at least one taxane side chain, wherein said precursor compound comprises at least one compound of formulae I, IIa, II'a, IIIb and III'b, or derivatives thereof: